Clark Public Utilities, BPA sign mutually beneficial contract

Bonneville Power Administration administrator Steve Wright came to Vancouver this morning to sign a contract with Clark Public Utilities that puts money in both of their pockets.

The Clark County electric utility’s total benefit is about $15 million, the result of the utility’s applying for and being awarded residential and farm subsidies ordinarily allowed only customers of investor-owned private electric utilities.

In exchange, Clark and BPA signed an agreement that gives Clark more energy during the summer and less in the winter, which it will augment with electricity from its Lower River Road generating plant. This arrangement gives BPA more power to sell during the winter. Over the course of the new four-year agreement, BPA expects to earn an additional $11 million in power sales.

Wright said of the agreement: “Clark Public Utilities’ statesmanlike approach to resolving this issue has been exemplary. I greatly appreciate Clark’s efforts to be a constructive participant in our Northwest electricity community.”

John Deeder named superintendent for Evergreen Public Schools

John Deeder, interim superintendent at Evergreen Public Schools since the resignation last month of Bob Corley, yesterday was appointed by the school district’s board as superintendent of the largest school district in Clark County.

“John is well qualified to step in and lead the district,” says school board president Joan Skelton. “His leadership, style and passion will keep the district focused on the work of student engagement. He has the full confidence of the entire board. He is a well known and respected educator, and we look forward to working with him.”

Corley, who was recruited from a Florida school district a year ago, resigned in February.

Deeder, who gained unanimous approval of the school board, also is reported to have had support of faculty and staff.

Deeder has served Evergreen schools as an assistant superintendent, chief academic officer and, since last July, deputy superintendent.

Prior to coming to Evergreen in 2002 as director of curriculum and instruction, Deeder was assistant superintendent in the Reynolds School District in Fairview. A former high school guidance counselor, administrative assistant, coach and teacher, and assistant principal, Deeder has worked in school districts in Oregon and California.

In addition to working with public schools, Deeder has done private consulting, including work for the Northwest Regional Laboratory as an “Onward to Excellence Trainer” and as an adjunct professor of instructional theory at Portland State University. A graduate of the University of Idaho, Deeder earned a masters degree from Lewis and Clark College.

After volunteering for 41 years, Doyal Schell hangs up boots

When Doyal Schell became a volunteer firefighter for Fire District 6 in 1965, the fire department served the Lake Shore, Hazel Dell, Felida district of about 5,000 people. When Schell retired this month as a captain volunteer firefighter, the district was the second largest fire department in Clark County, protecting 65,000 citizens in...
a city-like rural setting.

Fire District 6 hosted a reception for Schell Tuesday honoring his unprecedented 41 years of volunteer service during which he answered an estimated 15,000 calls.

Schell and his wife, Marlene, own the Schell School of Dance. Although 70, Schell is not quitting the day job as a general contractor that he has had for most of his years as a volunteer.

People

Bud Van Cleve, president of the NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association, has been selected as grand marshal for the Hazel Dell Parade of Bands. The theme of the Saturday, May 20, parade is Mardi Gras.

Calendar

Clark County auditor Greg Kimsey’s annual pre-St. Paddy’s Day fundraiser, 5:30 to 7:30 this evening in Club Green Meadows, features Irish step dancers. For further information, call 521-6685. The West Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in Clearwater Springs Assisted Living, 201 NW 78th Street. The day-long Bi-State Metropolitan Forum, headlining Govs. Chris Gregoire, Washington, and Ted Kulongoski, Oregon, opens with registration at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, March 16, in the Smith Memorial Student Union in Portland State University. For further information, call (503) 725-5170.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world

Deeder gets Evergreen school post--Columbian, Howard Buck
Pierce Transit says Tacoma said top job is Lynne Griffith's if she wants it--Columbian
Columbia Gorge pollution comes from variety of sources--Columbian, Kathie Durbin
Mount St. Helens officials considering allowing climbers to the rim of the crater--Columbian, Erik Robinson
Operation Fairy Godmother helps girls go to prom in style--Columbian, Angela Allen
An active merchants association, international Saturday market and tax breaks are part of strategy to improve Fourth Plain Boulevard--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize
Woodland School levy appears to be passing--Columbian, Howard Buck
Mike Bailey's pot pourri--Columbian
Two-story Wal-Mart could fit Salmon Creek site--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson
Ridgefield School Board waters down bond request--Oregonian, Holley Gilbert
Economy strong Fed says--USA TODAY, AP

Wednesday on the air

Burnt Bridge Creek Annexation Meeting (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Portland Blazers at New Jersey (live)—4:30 p.m. FSN, KXL, KMUZ
Clark County Focus (3/2)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
Everett at Portland Winter Hawks (live)—7 p.m. KCMD
Telecommunications Commission (3/1)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Close Up (3/5)—9:29 p.m. CVTV
Clark College Orchestra Winter Concert—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Phyllis Hess making introductions. Mick Shutt doing his Widget trick. Kevin McCann laughing all the way to the playground. Kathryn Garcia-Stackpole taking care of details. Sandy Barnes looking across the Lewis River. Clarence and Helen Olson keeping tabs on survivors. Wednesday, brindle, wet and gnarly, 50. Thursday, drismal get-out-of-town weather, 49. Friday, a few cold showers, 47.